

Table 46.

Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2004

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>All ages ^b</i>									
1992	479,152	74,500	15.5	234,057	38,371	16.4	245,095	36,129	14.7
1993	557,384	75,559	13.6	280,174	38,663	13.8	277,210	36,896	13.3
1994	571,602	73,734	12.9	290,341	36,826	12.7	281,261	36,908	13.1
1995	522,987	66,780	12.8	275,013	33,432	12.2	247,974	33,348	13.4
1996	480,593	65,353	13.6	249,224	32,510	13.0	231,369	32,843	14.2
1997	409,396	62,498	15.3	208,993	31,881	15.3	200,403	30,617	15.3
1998	390,212	61,267	15.7	203,132	31,818	15.7	187,080	29,449	15.7
1999	382,196	55,630	14.6	197,671	28,500	14.4	184,525	27,130	14.7
2000	382,757	53,149	13.9	192,285	26,456	13.8	190,472	26,693	14.0
2001	407,299	53,460	13.1	190,634	25,396	13.3	216,665	28,064	13.0
2002	458,317	56,098	12.2	203,464	25,786	12.7	254,853	30,312	11.9
2003	483,020	55,830	11.6	204,770	24,487	12.0	278,250	31,343	11.3
2004	397,718	38,715	9.7	167,846	17,572	10.5	229,872	21,143	9.2
<i>Under age 18</i>									
1992	49,099	9,570	19.5	44,562	8,590	19.3	4,537	980	21.6
1993	75,816	11,440	15.1	69,176	10,355	15.0	6,640	1,085	16.3
1994	91,854	11,475	12.5	83,789	10,461	12.5	8,065	1,014	12.6
1995	86,651	10,459	12.1	79,397	9,625	12.1	7,254	834	11.5
1996	74,836	9,646	12.9	68,797	8,863	12.9	6,039	783	13.0
1997	51,365	8,583	16.7	47,131	7,883	16.7	4,234	700	16.5
1998	49,909	8,042	16.1	45,989	7,417	16.1	3,920	625	15.9
1999	49,456	7,476	15.1	45,465	6,839	15.0	3,991	637	16.0
2000	48,361	7,514	15.5	44,462	6,951	15.6	3,899	563	14.4
2001	49,495	7,649	15.5	45,567	7,069	15.5	3,928	580	14.8
2002	56,273	8,312	14.8	51,775	7,620	14.7	4,498	692	15.4
2003	59,279	8,337	14.1	54,842	7,734	14.1	4,437	603	13.6
2004	49,018	6,293	12.8	45,751	5,946	13.0	3,267	347	10.6

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Outcomes of Applications for Disability Benefits

Table 46.

Medical decisions at the reconsideration level, by age, year of application, and program, 1992–2004—*Continued*

Year	All decisions			Decisions on applications for SSI only			Decisions on applications for both Social Security and SSI		
	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)	Total	Allowances	Allowance rate ^a (percent)
<i>Aged 18–64</i>									
1992	429,944	64,891	15.1	189,409	29,744	15.7	240,535	35,147	14.6
1993	481,434	64,074	13.3	210,882	28,268	13.4	270,552	35,806	13.2
1994	479,439	62,150	13.0	206,253	26,260	12.7	273,186	35,890	13.1
1995	435,988	56,205	12.9	195,281	23,695	12.1	240,707	32,510	13.5
1996	403,309	54,195	13.4	178,404	22,457	12.6	224,905	31,738	14.1
1997	355,514	52,590	14.8	159,694	22,951	14.4	195,820	29,639	15.1
1998	337,411	51,760	15.3	154,436	23,051	14.9	182,975	28,709	15.7
1999	330,830	47,249	14.3	150,460	20,863	13.9	180,370	26,386	14.6
2000	332,767	44,874	13.5	146,383	18,874	12.9	186,384	26,000	13.9
2001	356,236	45,065	12.7	143,740	17,762	12.4	212,496	27,303	12.8
2002	400,138	46,856	11.7	150,064	17,455	11.6	250,074	29,401	11.8
2003	422,369	46,848	11.1	148,810	16,296	11.0	273,559	30,552	11.2
2004	347,794	31,973	9.2	121,433	11,363	9.4	226,361	20,610	9.1

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Disability Research File, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are current through June 2005.

Because a number of applications remain pending for more recent years, the award and allowance rates will change over time.

Applications with a medical decision may be pending a final nonmedical decision or subsequently denied for nonmedical reasons.

A revised process was introduced on October 1, 1999, in 10 states, under which initial denials could be appealed directly to the hearing level without a reconsideration.

a. Rate determined by dividing medical allowances by all medical decisions for that year.

b. Includes applicants aged 65 or older.

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